

§ 398.4 Responsibilities and functions.

(a) The *Director, Defense Logistics Agency* (DLA) shall:

(1) Organize, direct, and manage the DLA and all assigned resources; procure assigned items; and administer, supervise, and control all programs, services, and items assigned to DLA.

(2) Provide staff advice and assistance on supply and logistics matters to the Office of the Secretary of Defense (OSD), the Military Departments, other DoD Components, and other designated organizations, as appropriate.

(3) Maintain a wholesale distribution system for assigned items and accomplish all material management functions required to ensure responsive support to the associated supply and logistics requirements determination, supply control, procurement, quality and reliability assurance, industrial responsiveness and mobilization planning, receipt, storage, inventory accountability and distribution control, transportation, repair, maintenance and manufacture, shelf-life control, provisioning, technical logistic data and information, engineering support, value engineering, standardization, reutilization and marketing, and other related supply and logistics management functions, as appropriate.

(4) Provide contract administration services in support of the Military Departments and other DoD Components, the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, and other designated Federal and State Agencies, foreign governments, and international organizations.

(5) Operate centralized management information and technical report data banks in DLA; oversee the management of contractor-operated DoD Information Analysis Centers in selected fields of science and technology; and provide scientific and technical information to DoD Components, individuals, businesses, educational institutions, government laboratories, government contractors, and others consistent with policy guidance provided by the Under Secretary of Defense for Research and Engineering.

(6) Perform systems analysis and design, procedural development, and maintenance for supply and service

systems and other logistics matters assigned by the Secretary of Defense.

(7) Administer, manage, and operate the DoD-wide programs and systems listed in enclosure 1, and recommend periodic revisions to this list, as appropriate.

(8) Develop, monitor, and maintain effective supply relationships with the General Services Administration (GSA) in order to ensure the timely availability of GSA items required by DoD Components.

(9) Support the Commanders of Unified Commands, and through overseas elements of DLA, provide coordinated and responsive logistics support; develop policies; plans, and procedures; develop resources requirements; ensure security compliance by DLA personnel; and provide for the management and direction of DLA overseas activities.

(10) Perform such other functions as may be assigned by the Secretary of Defense or USD(A).

(b) The *Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition)* (USD(A)) shall:

(1) Provide guidance and direction to DLA on operational policies and procedures related to the development and operation of defense logistics programs and systems.

(2) Consult with the CJCS on such areas as critical logistics war fighting deficiencies and military requirements for defense acquisition programs.

(3) Obtain recommendations from the CJCS relative to DLA's contribution to war fighting readiness and sustainment of the Unified Commands.

(c) The *Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff* (CJCS), under the authority and direction of the Secretary of Defense, shall:

(1) Provide advice and recommendations to the USD(A) regarding the mission, functions, and responsibilities of DLA.

(2) Provide advice on matters pertaining to the policies, planning, design, maintenance, testing, and evaluation of logistics systems.

(3) Obtain advice and recommendations from the USD(A) and from the Director, DLA, on matters within the areas of responsibility assigned to DLA.

(4) Review DLA planning and programming documents, assess their responsiveness to operational requirements, and provide direction to the Director, DLA.

(5) Periodically submit (not less than every 2 years) to the Secretary of Defense a report with respect to DLA's responsiveness and readiness to support operating forces in the event of war or threat to national security and other recommendations that the Chairman deems appropriate.

(6) Provide for the participation of DLA in joint training exercises and assess performance.

(7) Provide tasking related to defense readiness to the Director, DLA.

(8) Develop and submit JCS logistics requirements and priorities to the Director, DLA.

(d) The *Commander of a Unified Command* is authorized to, and as appropriate shall:

(1) Following approval from the Director, DLA, or the CJCS, and within the Commander's geographic area, direct DLA elements to ensure effective operations.

(2) In a major emergency, assume temporary operational control of all DLA elements in the Commander's area of responsibility, with notification immediately following to the CJCS, the appropriate operational commander, and the Director, DLA.

(e) *Commanders of Component Commands* shall:

(1) Exercise such responsibilities and authorities pertinent to DLA elements as may be assigned or delegated to them by the Commander of their Unified Command.

(2) Provide for the physical security and administrative and logistic support of DLA elements as agreed to by DLA and Component Commands concerned under inter-Service support agreements.

(f) Within their areas of responsibility, the CJCS, the CINCs, the Secretaries of the Military Departments, and the heads of other DoD Components shall provide to the Director, DLA, support and logistical planning information, including information on funding shortfalls that impact the responsibilities and functions assigned to DLA.

§ 398.5 Authority.

The Director, DLA, is specifically delegated authority to:

(a) Meet the needs of the Military Departments and other authorized customers by conducting, directing, supervising, or controlling all procurement activities regarding property, supplies, and services assigned to DLA for procurement in accordance with applicable laws, DoD Regulations, the FAR and the DFARS. To the extent that any law or Executive order specifically limits the exercise of such authority to persons at the Secretarial level, such authority shall be exercised by the USD(A).

(b) Prescribe procedures, standards, and practices for the Department of Defense governing the execution of assigned responsibilities and functions.

(c) Obtain such reports, information, advice, and assistance from other DoD Components consistent with the policies and criteria of DoD Directive 7750.5¹ as may be necessary for the performance of assigned functions and responsibilities.

(d) Establish new DLA facilities or recommend to the USD(A) the reassignment to DLA or use of existing facilities of the Military Departments by DLA, as deemed necessary for improved effectiveness and economy.

(e) Provide membership on the Defense Acquisition Regulatory Council (DAR Council), participate with the Secretaries of the Military Departments and Federal Agencies in developing and publishing the FAR and participate with the Secretaries of the Military Departments in developing and publishing the DFARS.

(f) Exercise the administrative authorities contained in the appendix B to this part.

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§ 398.6 Relationships.

(a) In performing assigned functions, the Director, DLA, shall:

(1) Have free and direct access to, and communicate with, all elements of the

¹Copies may be obtained, at cost, from the National Technical Information Service, 5285 Port Royal Road, Springfield, VA 22161.